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Mrs. Effa Manley
71 Crawford Street
Newark 2, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Manley:

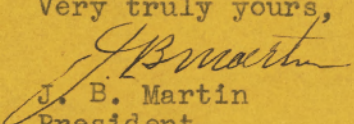
I thank you so much for your letter which came in this morning's mail. We really need a first baseman but I doubt if we would ever be able to get Mathis out of the National League. I don't think it is even wise to try it now--for your sake and mine. I am glad Wells and Danridge are going to be with you. I know you are going to have a big payroll, Wells and Danridge will help make it so.

I thought at one time we were coming to the National League meeting but the American League thought that due to the transportation problem they should not come to only make out a schedule, they do think however, that it would be alright for the second half which will be made out in June.

I am trying to arrange some dates in Briggs Stadium. If I get them completed I will be forced to use the American League Clubs.

If your team comes West, Abe Saperstein would be the man to book them. After your meeting if you will be kind enough to write me all of the particulars in reference to your league's decision on a statistician I would appreciate it. My best regards to Abe.

Very truly yours,


J. B. Martin
President

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